

### **Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

62. (Canceled)
63. (Currently Amended) The process of claim ~~62-94~~ wherein the organic waste is reduced after it is dried.
64. (Currently Amended) The process of claim ~~62-94~~ wherein the organic waste is reduced before it is dried.
65. (Currently Amended) The process of claim ~~62-94 further comprising wherein forming a the mixture comprises~~ by mixing the pieces with water and a biodegradable binder.
66. (Currently Amended) The process of claim ~~65-94~~ further comprising forming the mixture into a shape.
67. (Canceled)
68. (Currently Amended) The process of claim ~~67-94 wherein the drying further comprises further comprising heating the step of heating the shaped mixture.~~
69. (Currently Amended) The process of claim ~~67-68~~ further comprising removing liquid water from the mixture.
70. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 69 wherein the liquid water is re-used in a subsequent process for producing a unitary biodegradable solid.
71. (Currently Amended) The process of claim ~~67-68~~ further comprising capturing water vapor emitted while drying the ~~shaped mixture~~.

72. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 71 further comprising converting the captured water vapor to liquid water.

73. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 72 wherein the liquid water is re-used in a subsequent process for producing a unitary biodegradable solid.

74. (Currently Amended) The process of claim ~~65-94~~ wherein the water or biodegradable binder in the mixture is obtained from the raw organic waste.

75. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 74 wherein the biodegradable binder is a carbohydrate.

76. (Currently Amended) The process of claim 75 wherein the biodegradable binder is activated by ~~the~~ heating.

77. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 65 wherein the biodegradable binder is a carbohydrate.

78. (Previously Presented) The process of claim 77 wherein the biodegradable binder is activated by the heating.

94. (New) A process for producing a biodegradable solid of organic waste comprising:

reducing raw organic waste to pieces;

mixing the pieces with a biodegradable binder to form a mixture; and

forming a unitary biodegradable solid from the mixture by drying the mixture

wherein the reduced raw organic waste pieces are converted to a unitary biodegradable solid.

95. (New) The process of claim 94 wherein the drying comprises drying the mixture to a moisture content at which it is free of odors caused by microbial activity.